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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC - ITEM 4, REGIONAL COOPERATION

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1. ASSUMING THAT FURTHER EFFORTS TO IMPROVE RESOLUTION ON
THIS SUBJECT ARE FUTILE AND THAT IT REMAINS ESSENTIALLY
UNCHANGED FROM VERSION TRANSMITTED REFTEL, USDEL SHOULD
ABSTAIN, IF RESOLUTION IS BROUGHT TO A VOTE, OR
ACQUIESCE, IF RESOLUTION IS APPROVED BY CONSENSUS. IN
EITHER CASE, USDEL SHOULD MAKE STATEMENTS ALONG LINES
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INDICATED BELOW REGARDING OPERATIVE PARAS 1, 2, 3 AND 6.

IF RESOLUTION IS VOTED UPON PARA-BY-PARA, USDEL SHOULD (WITH EXPLANATIONS INDICATED BELOW) VOTE FOR PREAMBLE AND OPERATIVE PARAS 2, 4 AND 5, ABSTAIN ON OPERATIVE PARAS 1 AND 6, VOTE AGAINST OPERATIVE PARA 3, AND ABSTAIN IN ANY CASE ON RESOLUTION AS A WHOLE.

2. REGARDING OPERATIVE PARA 1, USDEL SHOULD POINT OUT THAT, EXCEPT FOR OPENING PHRASES, LANGUAGE IS TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM PARA 1 OF SECTION IV OF DADZIE TEXT FOR AD HOC COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING. AT DISCRETION OF USDEL, STATEMENT MAY BE EITHER ALONG LINES INDICATED FOR U.S. POSITION ON DADZIE TEXT OR JUST LIMITED TO MAKING THE POINT THAT A POSITION ON THIS PARA IN ECOSOC WOULD BE PREMATURE SINCE IT WILL BE CONSIDERED IN ITS PROPER CONTEXT IN THE AD HOC COMMITTEE.

3. REGARDING OPERATIVE PARA 2, USDEL SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT U.S. DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PARA CONSTITUTES PRIOR ENDORSEMENT OF ANY OF THE ITEMS (A,B,C,D) LISTED THEREUNDER.

4. REGARDING OPERATIVE PARA 3, USDEL SHOULD POINT OUT THAT UN PROGRAM BUDGET IS NOW "EXECUTIVE" IN CHARACTER AND THAT SYG MUST RETAIN AUTHORITY TO DESIGNATE WHOMEVER HE CHOOSES TO PRESENT AND DEFEND HIS PROGRAM BUDGET PROPOSALS IN THE BUDGET REVIEW PROCESS. IN ACTUAL PRACTICE, SYG HAS INVITED EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES OF REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO APPEAR IN THE FIFTH COMMITTEE, BUT WE BELIEVE EXPLICITLY GRANTING SPECIAL CONSIDERATION TO THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS WOULD UNDERMINE THE SYG'S ABILITY TO MAINTAIN HIS PROPER AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE UN PROGRAM BUDGET AS A WHOLE.

5. REGARDING OPERATIVE PARA 6, USDEL SHOULD POINT OUT THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THIS PARA DOES NOT CONSTITUTE PRIOR ENDORSEMENT OF THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS. IF SUCH STRENGTHENING DOES APPEAR ADVISABLE, U.S. BELIEVES IT SHOULD BE ACHIEVED THROUGH THE REALLOCATION OF EXISTING RESOURCES.

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6. NO COMMENT IS NECESSARY REGARDING PARAS 4 AND 5. HABIB

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